

Application No. 10/551,827  
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-51 (Cancelled)

Claim 52 (New) An absorbent pad for men comprising:

an absorbent member extending in a length direction, in a width direction that is generally transverse to the length direction, and in a height direction that is generally transverse to the length direction and generally transverse to the width direction;

a liquid permeable top sheet disposed above the absorbent member in the height direction;

a back sheet disposed below the absorbent member in the height direction;

first and second liquid impermeable gather sheets disposed above the top sheet in the height direction and having ends that face each other in the length direction so as to define an opening therebetween; and

an auxiliary sheet for diffusing liquefied excrement disposed above the top sheet and below both of the first and second gather sheets in the height direction;

wherein the auxiliary sheet has a first end disposed between the top sheet and the first gather sheet in the height direction and a second end disposed between the top sheet and the second gather sheet in the height direction so as to define a genital holding space surrounded by the top sheet, the second gather sheet and the auxiliary sheet.

Claim 53 (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 52, wherein the top sheet extends between first and second ends in the length direction and wherein the first end of the auxiliary sheet is located between the first end of the top sheet and the first gather sheet in the height direction and wherein the second end of the auxiliary sheet is located on the other side of the opening relative to the first end of the top sheet in the length direction.

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Claim 54 (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 53, wherein the second end of the auxiliary sheet is located between the opening and the second end of the top sheet in the length direction.

Claim 55 (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 52, wherein the first gather sheet is longer in the length direction than the second gather sheet so that the opening is not centered above the absorbent member in the length direction.

Claim 56 (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 52, wherein the auxiliary sheet is separate from the top sheet.

Claim 57 (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 52, wherein the auxiliary sheet is liquid impermeable.

Claim 58 (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 52, wherein the absorbent member is rectangular.

Claim 59 (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 52, comprising an elastic member on the second end of the auxiliary sheet.

Claim 60 (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 52, comprising a pair of elastic members on the end of the first gather sheet.

Claim 61 (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 52, comprising an elastic member provided on the end of the second gather sheet.